

Southern Luo language

Southern Luo is a dialect cluster of Uganda and neighboring countries. Although Southern Luo dialects are mutually intelligible, there are six ethnically and culturally distinct varieties which are considered to be separate languages socially.

Proto-Southern Luo has been reconstructed by Blount & Curley (1970).^[3]

Varieties

- Adhola (Uganda)
- Kumam (Uganda)
- Luo–Acholi
 - Dholuo (Kavirondo Luo) (Kenya, Tanzania)
 - Alur–Acholi
 - Alur (Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo)
 - Lango–Acholi
 - Lango (Uganda)
 - Acholi (Uganda)

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Southern Luo	
Region	Uganda and adjoining areas
Native speakers	8.8 million (2001–2009) ^[1]
Language family	Nilo-Saharan? <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Eastern Sudanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Nilotic<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Western Nilotic<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Luo<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Southern Luo
Dialects	Adhola Kumam Dholuo (Kavirondo Luo) Alur Lango Acholi
Language codes	
ISO 639-2	luo (https://www.loc.gov/standards/iso639-2/php/langcodes_name.php?code_ID=271)
ISO 639-3	Variously: adh – Adhola kdi – Kumam luo – Dholuo (Kavirondo Luo) alz – Alur laj – Lango ach – Acholi
Glottolog	sout2831 (http://glottolog.org/resource/lan

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